(ग) अप्रैल, 1974 में कोयले की पिटहैड औसत कीमत जिसमें कोककर तथा अकोककर कोयला शामिल है, सिंगरेनी कोलियरीज़ कंपनी लि० तथा अन्य उत्पादकों के लिए क्रमशः 50.50 रु० तथा 47.50 रु० प्रति टन थी। कोककर तथा अकोककर कोयले सहित कोल इंडिया लि० तथा सिं०को०कं०लि० की कोयले की पिटहैड औसत कीमत दिसम्बर, 1993 में क्रमशः 382 रु० तथा 452 रु० प्रति टन थी।

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों में को०इं०लि० तथा सिं०को०कं० लि० को कोई डिविडेन्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ङ) जी, हां।

(च) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान को०इं०लि० तथा सिं०को०कं०लि० को दिए गए ऋण के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार को देय ब्याज की राशि नीचे दर्शायी गई है:—

वर्ष	को०इं०लि०	सिं०को०कं०लि०
1990-91	571.38	84.50
1991-92	614.36	114.86
1992-93	633.42	141.04

Royalty on Coal

675. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have warned the Central Government to provide royalty to them on coal otherwise the coal supply/ transaction will be stopped from their States; and

(b) if so, the number and names of such States and the decision if any taken by Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the requests made by some State Governments namely Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh for revision in the rates of royalty on coal. Such representations however cannot be construed as warnings.

(b) Does not arise.

रुग्ण कोयला खानों को बंद करना

676. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:**
श्री सुरेश कलमाड़ी:

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार ने घाटे में चल रही कोयला खानों को बंद करने का निर्णय लिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा किन-किन कोयला खानों के घाटे में चलने के कारण सरकार ने उन्हें बंद करने का निर्णय लिया है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा): (क) और (ख) सरकार द्वारा कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की घाटे में चलने वाली खानों को बन्द करने के संबंध में अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है। किन्तु नीचे दिए गए विभिन्न कारणों से कुछ खानों में भंडारों के खत्म होने, विपरीत भू-खनन परिस्थितियां होने, आग, जलमग्न होने एवं अन्य तकनीकी समस्याएं जैसी असुरक्षित परिस्थितियां उत्पन्न होने के कारण क्रियाकलाप बन्द कर दिए गए हैं।

Completion of Safety Audit in the Underground Collieries

677. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued instructions for immediate comletion of the safety audit in the undergound collieries of the Coal India Ltd; and

(b) if so, by when this work is likely to be completed to as to avert any further mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Orders have been issued for carrying out safety audit of all the coal mines under Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited. Priority being given to underground mines in the first instance. which are likely to be completed soon.

Accidents in Coal Mines in the country

678. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESWARI:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines in the country, State-wise;

(b) what are the names of the places where coal mining work is going on;

(c) the number of accidents occurred in these coal mines during the last three years and so far in the current year;

(d) whether it s a fact that the number of accidents in coal mines are increasing.

(e) the number of persons who died in the accidents;

(f) the steps taken by Government to tight the safety measures;

(g) whether any compensation has been given to the affected families during the above period; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of coal mines under Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and Singareni Collierics Company Ltd. are given below:

State	No. of Coal Mines
(A) CIL	
1. West Bengal	111
2. Bihar	189
3. Uttar Pradesh	4
4. Madhya Pradesh	125
5. Maharashtra	39
6. Orissa	21
7. Assam	5
(B) SCCL:	
1. Andhra Pradesh	66
TOTAL (CIL + SCCL)	560

(c) to (e) The details of the number of accidents in coal mines of Coal India Ltd. and the number of persons killed during the last three years are as follows. The number of accidents was lower in 1993 as compared to 1992.

Calendar year	No. of accidents	No. of death
1991	116	120
1992	130	149
1993	111	123
1994 (upto 20.2.1994)	14	69

(f) In addition to the statutory requirements, the following safety measures have been adopted by the coal companies for ensuring safety in coal mines of CIL;

(i) Thrust on roof bolting and roof stitching.

(ii) Intensive monitoring and enforcement of support of green roof areas in mines.

(iii) Creation of awareness at all levels by direct interaction with Area Safety Officers and Colliery Safety Officers of accident prone mines.

(iv) Holding of crash training programme at unit level.

(v) Periodic review with the chief of Internal Safety Organisation of the companies.

(vi) Analysis of accidents due to roof fall and suggestion of remedial measures etc.

(g) and (h) In the case of death, an ex-gratia of Rs. 10,000/- and funeral expenses are immediately paid by the coal companies. Besides, the compensation as admissible under the provisions of Workmen's Compensation Act is deposited with the Workmen Compensation Commissioner for